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YUKON MONTHLY STATISTICAL REVIEW

August 2008

The most current statistics available on the state of the Yukon's economy

1. Population

The Yukon's population as of June 2008 was **33,294**. One year previous to that, in June 2007, the population was **32,212**. The difference is an **increase of 1,082** individuals, or **3.4%**, in the Yukon's population.
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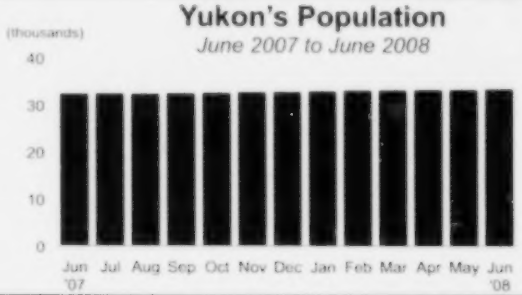
Yukon's Population
June 2007 to June 2008



2. Employment

The number of people employed in the Yukon as of August 2008 was **16,900** (seasonally adjusted). This is a decrease of 100 from the July 2008 figure and an increase of 800 from the August 2007 figure.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Yukon as of August 2008 was **5.6%**. One year ago, in August 2007, the rate was **5.3%**.
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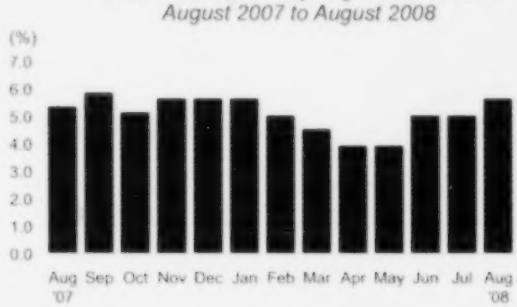
Yukon's Unemployment Rate
August 2007 to August 2008



3. Inflation

The annual rate of **inflation** in Whitehorse (figures are not available for the Yukon) was **4.2%** as of July 2008. The annual *average* inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2007 was **2.5%**.
See page 6 for more detail.

4. Rental Units

The median rent (half the rents are higher and half the rents are lower) in Whitehorse as of June 2008 was **$700**. This is an increase of $20 or 2.9% compared to June 2007. The vacancy rate for Whitehorse as of June 2008 was **1.9%**. This is 1.3 percentage points lower than in June 2007.
See page 7 for more detail.

5. Real Estate

The total value of real estate transactions in the Yukon for the first quarter of 2008 (January, February and March) was $26,185,600. This is a **decrease of $4,372,300, or 14.3%**, from the first quarter of 2007 ($30,557,900).
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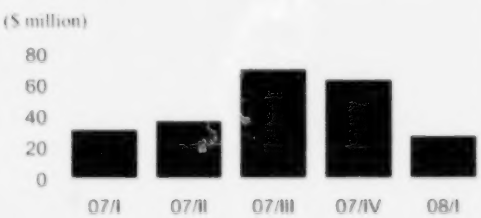
Yukon's Real Estate Transactions
First Quarter 2007 to First Quarter 2008



6. Construction

The value of building permits issued in the Yukon for July 2008 was **$13,685,000**. One year ago, in July 2007, the value was **$9,465,000**. This represents an increase of $4,221,000, or 44.6%.
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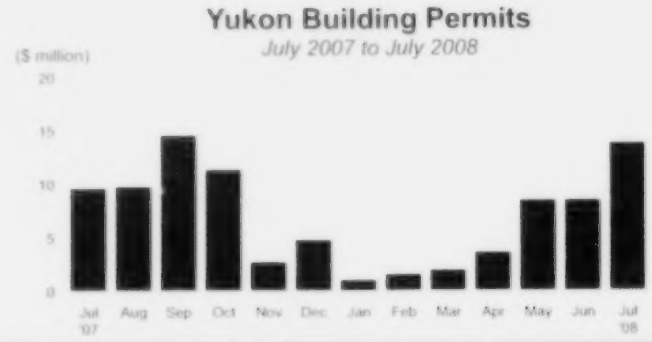

7. Resources

The commodity price in Canadian dollars for a troy ounce of gold was **$888.86** as of August 29th, 2008 on the London Exchange. One year ago, the commodity price was **$705.68**. The difference is an **increase of $183.18**, or **26.0%**, in the commodity price of a troy ounce of gold.
See page 9 for more detail.

8. Retail & Wholesale Trade

The preliminary value of retail trade in the Yukon for June 2008 was **$50,482,000**. This figure is an **increase of $1,069,000**, or **2.2%**, from the value of retail trade one year earlier, in June 2007.

Comparing the preliminary value for June 2008 with the value for June 2007, wholesale sales have **increased by $2,069,000**, or **16.8%**, from **$12,317,000** to **$14,386,000**.
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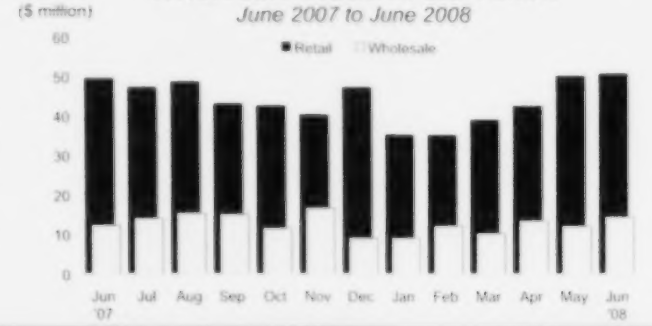

9. Travellers

The number of travellers entering the Yukon by land at Canada Customs points of entry in July 2008 was **92,577**. This is a **decrease of 10,949** travellers, or **10.6%**, from the July 2007 figure of **103,526**.

The number of travellers from January to July 2008 was **237,302**, compared with 249,807 for the same time period in 2007. This represents a **decrease of 12,505 people, or 5.0%**.
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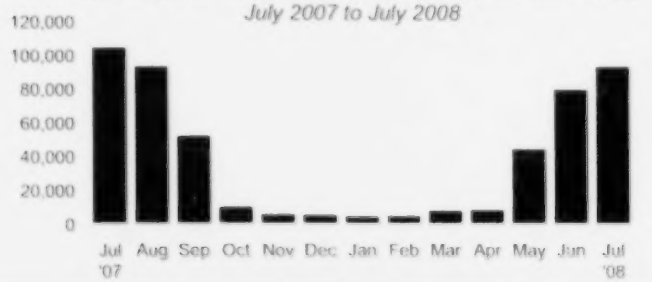
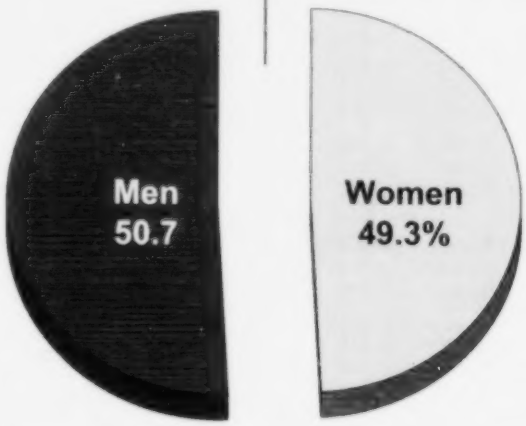


1. Population

1.1 Yukon population by age & sex

June 2008

	Total	Male	Female
0-4	1,862	979	883
5-9	1,831	909	922
10-14	2,004	1,027	977
15-19	2,361	1,252	1,109
20-24	2,350	1,142	1,208
25-29	2,222	1,125	1,097
30-34	2,180	993	1,187
35-39	2,472	1,191	1,281
40-44	2,650	1,297	1,353
45-49	3,246	1,593	1,653
50-54	3,101	1,578	1,523
55-59	2,541	1,349	1,192
60-64	1,865	1,061	804
65-69	1,039	591	448
70-74	681	376	305
75+	889	428	461
Total	33,294	16,891	16,403



Source: Yukon Health & Social Services and Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

1.2 Yukon population by community

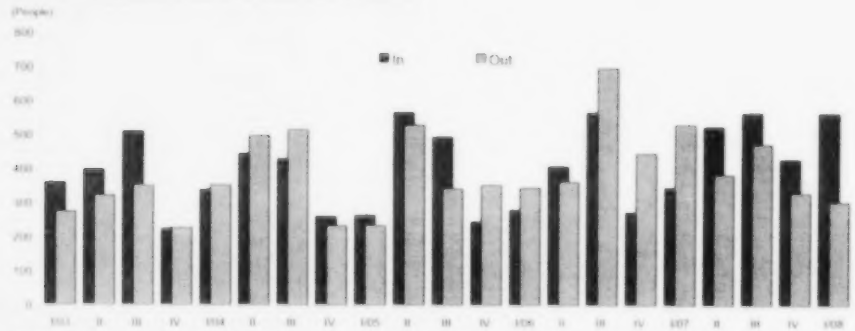
	June 2008	Dec 2007	June 2007
Beaver Creek	106	99	101
Burwash Landing	101	92	88
Carcross	431	423	437
Carmacks	453	444	426
Dawson City	1,889	1,879	1,876
Destruction Bay	49	55	56
Faro	385	372	382
Haines Junction	818	809	804
Marsh Lake	410	415	405
Mayo	460	423	388
Old Crow	248	256	271
Pelly Crossing	308	294	284
Ross River	383	349	355
Tagish	220	208	212
Teslin	449	426	428
Watson Lake	1,596	1,596	1,567
Whitehorse	24,890	24,473	24,041
Other*	98	101	91
Yukon	33,294	32,714	32,212

Source: Yukon Health and Social Services, Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

1.3 Yukon births & deaths

		Births	Deaths
2008			
July	(p)	22	13
June	(r)	22	16
May	(r)	34	21
April		23	15
March		31	20
February		28	16
January		24	9
2007			
December		24	10
November		34	13
October		26	14
September		29	16
August		33	20
July		31	11

1.4 Yukon migration estimates*



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **1.1** The June 2008 population of the Yukon was 33,294. Of the 33,294 people residing in the Yukon, 49.3% were females and 50.7% were males. Persons under the age of 15 accounted for 17.1% of the population, while 7.8% of the population was aged 65 or over.

- **1.2** In June of 2008, 74.8% of the Yukon's population lived in the City of Whitehorse. Between June 2007 and June 2008, the community with the largest percentage increase in population was Mayo, where the population increased by 72 people, or 18.6%. Fourteen Yukon communities showed increases in population from June 2007 to June 2008.

- **1.3** In July 2008, preliminary estimates show 9 fewer births (22) and 2 more deaths (13) compared to July 2007.

- **1.4** Migration statistics for the Yukon show that for the first quarter of 2008 the number of in-migrants was 565, compared to out-migrants at 305. For the first quarter of 2008, the Yukon experienced a net gain of 260 people.

2. Employment

- **2.1** Comparing August 2008 with August 2007 figures, the following changes can be seen in the Yukon:
  - The labour force increased by 900, or 5.3%, to 17,900.
  - The number of employed Yukoners increased by 800, or 5.0%, to 16,900.
  - The number of unemployed Yukoners increased by 100, or 11.1%, to 1,000.
  - The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 5.6%.

- **2.2** In the month of August 2008, the Yukon's rate of unemployment (5.6%), was 0.5 percentage points **below** the rate for Canada (6.1%). In August 2007, Yukon's unemployment rate (5.3%) was 0.7 percentage points **lower** than the rate for Canada (6.0%).

- **2.3** Comparing preliminary figures for June 2008 with figures for June 2007, the following changes in government employment in the Yukon have occurred:
  - Total government employment increased by 271, or 4.6%.
  - Federal government employment remained the same at 648.
  - Territorial general government employment increased by 151, or 3.4%.
  - Municipal employment increased by 114, or 22.1%.

■ 2.1 *Yukon labour force statistics (Seasonally adjusted)**

	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2008				
August	17,900	16,900	1,000	5.6%
July	17,900	17,000	900	5.0%
June	17,900	17,000	900	5.0%
May	17,900	17,200	700	3.9%
April	17,900	17,100	700	3.9%
March	17,900	17,200	800	4.5%
February	18,000	17,100	900	5.0%
January	17,800	16,900	1,000	5.6%
2007				
December	17,900	16,900	1,000	5.6%
November	17,800	16,800	1,000	5.6%
October	17,600	16,600	900	5.1%
September	17,200	16,300	1,000	5.8%
August	17,000	16,100	900	5.3%

Source: Statistics Canada. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.2 *Canadian unemployment rates (Seasonally adjusted)*

	Yukon	Canada	Nfld. & Lbdr.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC
	(%)											
2008												
August	5.6	6.1	13.8	10.4	8.0	8.4	7.7	6.3	3.9	4.5	3.5	4.3
July	5.0	6.1	13.3	10.6	6.7	8.6	7.4	6.4	3.8	4.4	3.6	4.4
June	5.0	6.2	13.1	10.1	7.6	9.7	7.2	6.7	4.1	4.0	3.3	4.5
May	3.9	6.1	12.5	9.6	8.2	8.9	7.5	6.4	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.5
April	3.9	6.1	13.2	11.2	7.8	8.3	7.6	6.3	3.8	4.3	3.3	4.3
March	4.5	6.0	12.6	10.4	7.9	8.5	7.3	6.4	4.3	4.1	3.4	4.3
February	5.0	5.8	13.1	10.0	7.7	8.1	7.0	6.1	4.2	4.1	3.5	4.1
January	5.6	5.8	12.2	10.6	7.4	8.2	6.8	6.3	3.8	3.9	3.2	4.1
2007												
December	5.6	6.0	12.5	10.7	7.8	7.8	7.0	6.5	4.2	4.0	3.2	4.2
November	5.6	5.9	13.2	11.4	7.9	7.2	7.0	6.4	4.2	4.0	3.6	4.2
October	5.1	5.8	13.6	8.8	7.6	7.7	7.0	6.1	4.1	4.3	3.4	4.4
September	5.8	5.9	13.5	10.6	7.9	8.3	6.9	6.2	4.2	3.9	3.6	4.4
August	5.3	6.0	13.7	10.4	8.9	7.8	7.2	6.4	4.2	4.8	3.6	4.0

Source: Statistics Canada.

■ 2.3 *Government employment in the Yukon**

		Total	Federal General	Territorial General	Territorial Health & Social Services	Municipal
2008						
June	(p)	6,152	648	4,534	340	630
May	(p)	6,049	623	4,487	351	588
April	(p)	5,863	607	4,343	343	570
March	(r)	5,826	594	4,342	334	556
February	(r)	5,879	585	4,288	343	663
January		5,889	586	4,302	357	644
2007						
December		5,759	590	4,292	350	527
November		5,759	587	4,342	357	473
October		5,779	606	4,361	341	471
September		5,840	635	4,354	338	513
August		5,370	649	3,763	351	607
July		5,614	653	4,047	335	579
June		5,881	648	4,383	334	516

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.4 *Average weekly earnings, including overtime**

		Yukon Average	Goods producing	Const.	Service producing	Trade	Transp. & Ware-housing	Accomm. & Food Services	Public Admin.
		($)							
2008									
June	(p)	891.46	1,199.86	1,059.37	849.01	610.43	927.18	526.32	1,019.81
May	(r)	884.67	1,165.25	1,021.54	847.36	619.53	920.76	505.93	1,014.12
April		905.17	1,196.86	1,043.30	869.13	595.61	901.47	504.87	1,042.63
March		900.31	1,183.09	998.50	867.05	599.78	901.16	500.01	1,039.17
February		897.40	1,185.21	991.73	862.47	578.91	900.42	522.66	1,018.48
January		894.51	1,199.61	1,042.66	856.88	565.29	899.22	504.90	1,035.37
2007									
December		902.23	1,224.23	1,086.11	851.69	568.66	855.92	515.88	1,030.16
November		905.85	1,218.14	1,073.31	855.01	588.04	872.71	510.51	1,017.83
October		908.05	1,227.19	1,076.55	852.28	594.38	916.31	511.03	1,033.65
September		890.93	1,196.53	1,083.97	838.72	572.43	941.73	520.92	1,008.65
August		874.18	1,182.38	1,075.31	819.83	570.12	916.30	484.40	1,018.52
July		886.83	1,183.58	1,077.58	836.31	582.44	940.72	494.76	1,045.05
June		880.08	1,181.03	1,085.96	832.18	580.03	929.13	473.93	1,037.60

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Does not include self-employed, please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.5 *Employees by selected industries**

		Total	Goods producing	Const.	Service producing	Trade	Transp. & Ware-housing	Accomm. & Food Services	Public Admin.
		(no.)							
2008									
June	(p)	19,557	2,366	1,075	17,191	2,453	1,146	2,089	5,991
May	(r)	18,453	2,166	989	16,287	2,355	1,134	1,868	5,704
April		16,968	1,866	868	15,102	2,196	1,120	1,308	5,469
March		16,921	1,781	726	15,140	2,176	1,170	1,277	5,385
February		16,774	1,816	753	14,958	2,132	1,173	1,193	5,460
January		16,697	1,833	765	14,864	2,198	1,126	1,216	5,365
2007									
December		17,191	2,332	860	14,859	2,307	1,074	1,235	5,312
November		17,432	2,441	931	14,991	2,306	1,066	1,231	5,381
October		18,258	2,716	1,025	15,542	2,366	1,101	1,658	5,377
September		18,804	2,744	1,222	16,060	2,328	1,091	1,999	5,665
August		18,915	2,836	1,276	16,079	2,392	1,095	2,203	5,831
July		19,150	2,786	1,250	16,364	2,376	1,085	2,262	5,725
June		18,948	2,601	1,198	16,347	2,380	1,022	2,171	5,493

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Does not include self-employed, please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.6 *Employment insurance beneficiaries, by type of benefit, unadjusted*

		Total Beneficiaries*	Regular Beneficiaries	Sickness	Maternity	Parental	Training
2008							
June	(p)	740	480	50	60	130	20
May		870	630	30	50	130	30
April	(r)	1,260	950	50	60	130	80
March		1,370	1,040	50	50	130	90
February		1,420	1,090	40	50	140	90
January		1,410	1,080	40	50	150	80
2007							
December		1,300	960	50	50	150	80
November		1,090	750	50	50	150	80
October		900	590	50	60	150	50
September		720	440	40	60	150	20
August		740	470	50	60	150	0
July		780	500	60	70	150	0
June		770	490	50	60	140	10

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **2.4** Comparing preliminary figures for June 2008 with those of June 2007, the following changes in average weekly earnings can be seen:

- Average weekly wages for the Yukon increased $11.38, or 1.3%.
- Goods-producing industry wages increased $18.83, or 1.6%.
- Construction industry wages decreased $26.59, or 2.4%.
- Service-producing industry wages increased $16.83, or 2.0%.
- Trade industry wages increased $30.40, or 5.2%.
- Transportation and warehousing wages decreased $1.95, or 0.2%.
- Accomodation and food services wages increased $52.39 or 11.1%.
- Public administration wages decreased $17.79, or 1.7%.

■ **2.5** The preliminary total number of employees in the Yukon in June 2008 (19,557) was 609, or 3.2% higher than the June 2007 figure of 18,948.

■ **2.6** Looking at the different types of employment insurance benefits and comparing June 2008 with June 2007, the following changes are apparent:

- Total beneficiaries decreased 30, or 3.9%.
- Regular beneficiaries decreased 10, or 2.0%.
- Sickness beneficiaries remained the same at 50.
- Maternity beneficiaries remained the same at 60.
- Parental beneficiaries decreased 10, or 7.1%.
- Training beneficiaries increased 10, or 100.0%.

3. Consumer Prices

3.1 The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices, or what is usually referred to as inflation. Table 3.1 shows that as of July 2008, the annual rate of inflation in Whitehorse was 4.2% (this is 0.8 percentage points higher than the national rate). A year ago, in July 2007, the inflation rate in Whitehorse was 3.0%.

*The annual **average** inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2007 was 2.5%.*

3.1 Consumer price index* (2002 = 100)

All-Items	Whitehorse		Canada	
	Index	Change from last year	Index	Change from last year
2008				
July	115.3	4.2%	115.8	3.4%
June	114.6	4.5%	115.4	3.1%
May	113.6	3.7%	114.6	2.2%
April	111.8	2.9%	113.5	1.7%
March	111.0	2.8%	112.6	1.4%
February	110.1	2.6%	112.2	1.8%
January	110.4	3.2%	111.8	2.2%
2007				
December	110.6	4.0%	112.0	2.4%
November	110.7	4.1%	111.9	2.5%
October	110.4	3.9%	111.6	2.4%
September	110.8	3.4%	111.9	2.5%
August	110.5	2.6%	111.7	1.7%
July	110.7	3.0%	112.0	2.2%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM

*Please see table footnotes on page 12.

3.2 According to the Consumer Price Index, overall **food** prices in Whitehorse in July 2008 increased 1.3% when compared with the previous month. Comparing July 2007 to July 2008, overall **food** prices increased 2.1%. During this same time period, for selected food items purchased from stores, bakery and cereal products had the largest increase, at 10.0%.

3.2 Food price index, Whitehorse (2002 = 100)

	July 2008	June 2008	% change June '08 to July '08	July 2007	% change July '07 to July '08
ALL ITEMS	**115.3**	**114.6**	**0.6%**	**110.7**	**4.2%**
Food	**113.2**	**111.8**	**1.3%**	**110.9**	**2.1%**
Food purchased from stores	111.6	109.7	**1.7%**	108.1	**3.2%**
Meat	106.6	103.9	**2.6%**	108.3	**-1.6%**
Dairy products	119.4	117.0	**2.1%**	115.8	**3.1%**
Bakery and cereal products (excluding infant food)	122.0	119.2	**2.3%**	110.9	**10.0%**
Fresh fruit	107.3	107.5	**-0.2%**	99.5	**7.8%**
Fresh vegetables	104.6	97.4	**7.4%**	98.8	**5.9%**
Food purchased from restaurants	116.9	116.4	**0.4%**	117.4	**-0.4%**

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM

3.3 The Community Spatial Price Index compares prices in Whitehorse to prices in other Yukon communities. Of all communities surveyed, April 2008, prices in Teslin were the closest to April 2008 prices in Whitehorse, with Teslin's prices being 4.4% higher than those in Whitehorse. The highest prices of the communities surveyed were found in Old Crow (69.9% higher than Whitehorse).

3.3 Community spatial price index, April 2008 (Whitehorse = 100)

	Carmacks	Dawson City	Faro	Haines Junction	Mayo	Teslin	Watson Lake	Old Crow
Total Survey Items	**110.4**	**122.0**	**114.0**	**119.8**	**114.0**	**104.4**	**112.3**	**169.9**
Meat	107.6	104.7	..	101.9	107.0	95.2	99.5	..
Dairy/Eggs	125.2	120.7	130.0	131.0	132.2	111.3	131.9	..
Fruit/Veg.	115.9	138.4	122.9	143.4	112.1	106.3	115.9	179.9
Bread/Cereal	125.8	116.4	127.3	142.6	124.4	104.7	137.6	160.2
Other Foods	111.9	124.9	116.5	131.8	120.7	107.1	103.9	173.7
Household Operations	95.8	108.6	105.8	104.1	109.5	100.7	107.8	189.1
Health & Personal Care	122.0	175.3	..	..	..	..	122.4	..
Gasoline	106.0	121.1	..	107.5	118.1	102.9	110.6	..
Cigarettes	110.9	110.2	100.4	110.0	..	99.3	..	172.9

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.
".." insufficient data for reliable estimates.

4. Rental Units

4.1 Median rent, all units*

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse: Downtown	Whitehorse: Granger	Whitehorse: Hillcrest	Whitehorse: Porter Creek	Whitehorse: Riverdale	Whitehorse: Takhini	Watson Lake	Dawson City
					($)				
2008									
June	700	680	700	700*	650	750	600	675	650
March	700	680	700	700*	650	725	600	675	650
2007									
December	700	680	700	700*	650	725	600	675	625
September	700	680	675	700*	650	725	600	675	625
June	680	675	675	750	650	725	560	675	625

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

4.2 Vacancy rate, all units*

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse: Downtown	Whitehorse: Granger	Whitehorse: Hillcrest	Whitehorse: Porter Creek	Whitehorse: Riverdale	Whitehorse: Takhini	Watson Lake	Dawson City
					(%)				
2008									
June	1.9	2.3	0.0	0.0*	0.0	1.7	3.9	0.0	0.0
March	4.1	3.5	0.0	4.2*	4.3	5.6	0.0	2.9	0.0
2007									
December	2.8	2.9	0.0	5.6*	4.3	2.6	0.0	11.4	0.0
September	4.0	4.0	0.0	4.2*	8.7	2.7	11.8	11.4	0.0
June	3.2	3.7	0.0	4.6	4.3	1.2	0.0	8.6	0.0

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **4.1** Comparing June 2008 to June 2007, median rents in Whitehorse have changed in the following ways:
  - The overall median rent in Whitehorse increased $20, or 2.9%.
  - Downtown, the median rent increased $5, or 0.7%.
  - In Granger, the median rent increased $25, or 3.7%.
  - In Hillcrest*, the median rent decreased $50, or 6.7%.
  - In Porter Creek, the median rent remained the same at $650.
  - In Riverdale, the median rent increased $25, or 3.4%.
  - In Takhini, the median rent increased $40, or 7.1%.
- **4.2** The overall Whitehorse vacancy rate in June 2008 decreased 1.3 percentage points from June 2007 and decreased 2.2 percentage points from March 2008.

5. Real Estate

5.1 Value of real estate transactions*

	Yukon	Whitehorse	Other
	($000)		
2008			
Q1	26,185.6	21,888.8	4,296.8
2007			
Q4	62,410.0	52,731.6	9,678.4
Q3	69,315.7	60,521.3	8,794.4
Q2	35,984.2	31,801.5	4,182.7
Q1	30,557.9	26,003.4	4,554.4

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

5.2 Number & value of real estate transactions in Whitehorse

	Total*	Single Houses	Family Lots*	Mobile Homes	Condos	Duplexes	Multiple-Residential	Commercial Property	Industrial Property
Value of Real Estate Transactions					($000)				
2008									
Q1	21,888.8	14,424.3	1,069.0	1,493.0	2,680.3	940.0	x	x	777.3
2007									
Q4	52,731.6	25,811.7	2,074.3	2,119.5	6,032.4	2,050.3	0	12,833.1	1,810.2
Q3	60,521.3	35,981.6	2,487.2	2,429.4	2,159.8	2,587.5	1,350.0	12,258.0	1,267.8
Q2	31,801.5	23,932.7	625.1	2,091.2	2,118.7	1,391.5	0	0	1,642.2
Q1	26,003.4	10,825.3	1,329.3	2,160.4	1,671.3	1,601.0	1,898.1	5,501.1	1,016.9
Number of Real Estate Transactions					(no.)				
2008									
Q1	90	48	11	7	13	4	x	x	5
2007									
Q4	178	88	22	12	28	10	0	15	3
Q3	207	121	27	15	11	13	4	11	5
Q2	135	89	10	13	11	7	0	0	5
Q1	116	43	21	14	9	8	3	13	5

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.
"x" suppressed for confidentiality constraints.

- **5.1** Comparing first-quarter 2008 figures with first-quarter 2007 figures, real estate transactions have:
  - decreased $4.4 million, or 14.3%, in the Yukon;
  - decreased $4.1 million, or 15.8%, in Whitehorse;
  - decreased $0.3 million, or 5.7%, in the areas outside of Whitehorse.
- **5.2** The average selling price for a single house in Whitehorse increased by $48,700, or 19.3%, from the first quarter of 2007 ($251,800) to the first quarter of 2008 ($300,500).

6. Construction

- **6.1** For the Yukon, the total value of building permits issued in July 2008 ($13,685,000) was $4,221,000 or 44.6%, higher than the June 2007 figure of $9,465,000.

Note: In addition to new dwelling units, residential permits issued include renovations, garages and additions. "Total permits" does not include plumbing or stove permits issued.

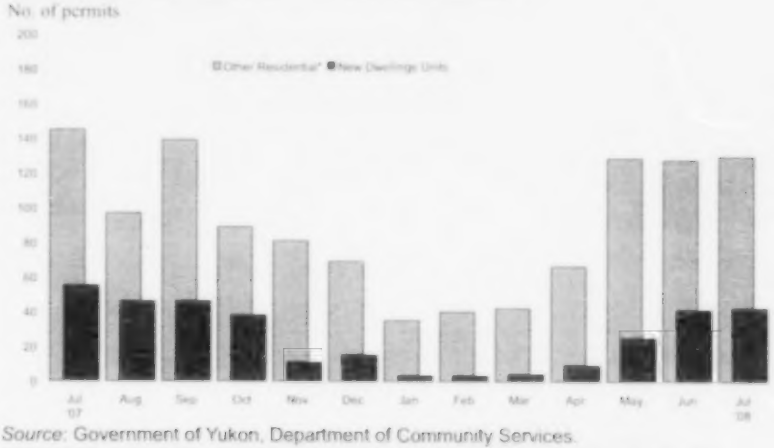
■ 6.1 *Yukon building permits, number and value**

	Total		Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2008										
July	220	13,685	171	7,726	1	671	8	1,212	34	4,076
June	188	8,366	168	7,015	2	338	12	740	6	275
May	185	8,362	153	4,741	8	1,089	7	610	17	1,922
April	85	3,515	75	2,199	-	-	5	259	5	1,057
March	63	1,847	46	816	1	100	5	331	11	600
February	51	1,431	43	589	-	-	4	532	4	310
January	49	901	38	825	1	7	1	5	9	64
2007										
December	100	4,648	84	2,942	1	50	8	181	7	1,475
November	108	2,583	92	2,129	5	95	4	121	7	238
October	165	11,244	127	5,838	7	1,749	10	528	21	3,128
September	226	14,465	185	7,299	8	745	10	1,699	23	4,722
August	169	9,623	143	6,603	10	884	5	1,775	11	361
July	219	9,465	200	8,164	2	189	10	958	7	154

Source: Government of Yukon, Department of Community Services. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **6.2** Comparing total residential permits issued in July 2008 with July 2007, the following changes have occurred in the Yukon:
  - The number of permits issued for new dwelling units has decreased from 55 to 42.
  - Other residential permits issued (*renovations, garages and additions) decreased from 145 to 129.

■ 6.2 *Yukon residential building permits*



Source: Government of Yukon, Department of Community Services.

- **6.3** For Whitehorse, the total value of building permits issued in July 2008 ($8,558,000) was $4,273,000 or 99.7% above the July 2007 figure of $4,285,000.

Note: Residential permits were issued for 2 replacement and 9 new single family residences, as well as 2 mobile home replacements. Multi-residence permits include a new 12 unit condo on 7th Avenue and a new 4 unit row house on Centennial St. Commercial permits included: a new Masonic Hall with 7 apartments on Dogwood St., and 2 new offices on Titanium Way.

"Total permits" does not include plumbing or wood stove permits issued.

■ 6.3 *Whitehorse building permits, number and value**

	Total		Residential		Multi-Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2008												
July	142	8,558	116	3,226	4	1,480	4	618	2	100	16	3,134
June	126	4,786	119	3,496	3	315	2	338	1	417	1	221
May	106	6,024	85	2,915	1	0	7	914	3	610	10	1,584
April	52	2,667	47	1,579	1	31	-	-	-	-	4	1,057
March	47	1,407	30	535	2	5	1	100	4	217	10	550
February	43	1,158	35	464	1	3	-	-	3	382	4	310
January	22	553	13	488	-	-	1	7	-	-	8	59
2007												
December	59	2,222	51	630	-	-	1	50	1	82	6	1,460
November	76	1,686	65	1,373	-	-	5	95	-	-	6	218
October	123	9,319	89	4,413	3	9	7	1,749	3	20	21	3,128
September	146	9,842	116	4,857	2	6	8	745	1	3	19	4,231
August	120	5,999	103	3,149	2	1,847	6	614	1	70	8	319
July	121	4,285	112	3,647	-	-	1	29	3	461	5	149

Source: City of Whitehorse. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

7. Resources

■ 7.1 London metal commodity prices*

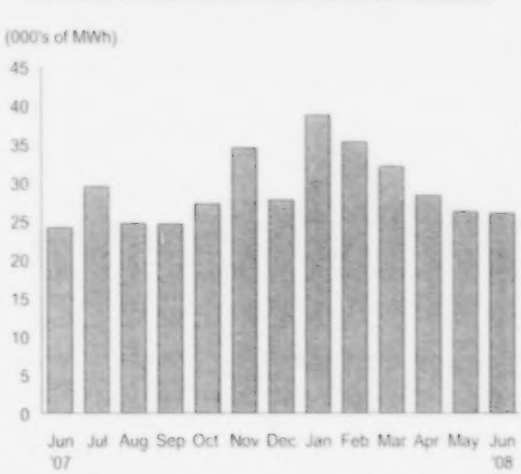
	Gold		Silver		Lead		Zinc		Copper	
	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $
	($/troy oz)				($/kg)					
2008										
August	888.86	836.50	14.62	13.76	2.0816	1.9590	1.8282	1.7205	7.9801	7.5100
July	935.44	912.00	17.93	17.48	2.2873	2.2300	1.9555	1.9065	8.4728	8.2605
June	950.10	932.75	17.98	17.65	1.7678	1.7355	1.9099	1.8750	8.9387	8.7755
May	874.40	879.50	16.75	16.85	1.9287	1.9400	1.9680	1.9795	8.0580	8.1050
April	875.99	867.75	16.63	16.47	2.7060	2.6805	2.2164	2.1955	8.7372	8.6550
March	963.40	937.25	18.49	17.99	2.8709	2.7930	2.3673	2.3030	8.7577	8.5200
February	949.43	969.00	19.22	19.62	3.3254	3.3940	2.6660	2.7210	8.3680	8.5405
January	925.78	923.75	16.78	16.74	2.7475	2.7415	2.3973	2.3920	7.1863	7.1705
2007										
December	826.55	836.50	14.58	14.76	2.5009	2.5310	2.2578	2.2850	6.5966	6.6760
November	795.39	794.75	14.24	14.23	3.0524	3.0500	2.5325	2.5305	6.9616	6.9560
October	746.59	783.00	13.65	14.32	3.5194	3.6910	2.6655	2.7955	7.4001	7.7610
September	735.02	737.75	13.60	13.65	3.4382	3.4510	3.0477	3.0590	8.1348	8.1650
August	705.68	668.00	12.62	11.95	3.4703	3.2850	3.2431	3.0700	8.0075	7.5800

Source: London Bullion Market Association and London Metal Exchange.
Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 7.2 Electricity generated, Yukon

	Total	Hydro	Internal Combustion
	(MWh)		
2008			
June	26,069	24,432	1,637
May	26,298	24,411	1,887
April	28,359	26,489	1,870
March	32,178	30,163	2,015
February	35,331	32,992	2,339
January	38,799	36,825	1,974
2007			
December	27,761	25,101	2,660
November	34,506	32,423	2,083
October	27,221	25,392	1,829
September	24,591	22,801	1,790
August	24,657	22,860	1,797
July	29,446	27,568	1,878
June	24,116	22,423	1,693

■ 7.3 Electricity generated, Yukon



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 7.4 Petroleum product domestic sales, Yukon

	Total*	Aviation Gasoline*	Motor Gasoline	Aviation Turbo Fuel	Stove Oil Kerosene	Diesel Fuel Oil	Light Fuel Oil	Lube Oils & Greases
	(cubic metres)							
2008								
May	7,426	114	1,441	817	539	4,211	244	60
April	6,904	37	1,097	1,445	1,326	2,440	499	60
March	11,744	27	1,389	1,239	1,981	6,406	671	30
February	11,645	15	1,294	1,222	3,292	4,536	1,244	40
January	9,956	13	1,353	856	3,025	3,546	1,137	26
2007								
December	8,219	7	1,200	1,027	2,376	2,577	987	44
November	7,301	47	1,197	845	1,634	2,950	604	23
October	11,390	77	1,941	1,165	2,246	5,264	637	58
September	10,831	153	2,458	1,452	1,519	4,790	384	51
August	12,423	208	2,652	1,732	392	6,927	469	40
July	11,916	256	3,241	820	181	6,695	674	48
June	11,776	283	2,467	1,999	168	6,684	132	42
May	8,670	159	2,027	1,067	441	4,653	266	55

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **7.1** From August 2007 to August 2008, the metal commodity prices (in Canadian funds) have changed as follows:
  - Gold increased $183.18 per troy ounce, or 26.0%.
  - Silver increased $2.00 per troy ounce, or 15.8%.
  - Lead decreased $1.39 per kilogram, or 40.0%.
  - Zinc decreased $1.41 per kilogram, or 43.6%.
  - Copper decreased $0.03 per kilogram, or 0.3%.
- **7.2 & 7.3** Comparing June 2008 with June 2007, electricity generated in the Yukon has increased from 24,116 MWh to 26,069 MWh. This represents an increase of 1,953 MWh, or 8.1%.
- **7.4** Comparing figures for petroleum sales (m^3) in May 2008 with sales figures for May 2007, the following changes have occurred:
  - Total petroleum product sales decreased 14.3%.
  - Aviation gasoline sales have decreased 28.3%. Aviation turbo fuel sales decreased 23.4%.
  - Motor gasoline sales decreased 28.9%.
  - Diesel fuel oil sales decreased 9.5%.
  - Light fuel oil sales decreased 8.3%.

8. Trade

- **8.1** Comparing preliminary retail trade value for June 2008 to June 2007, sales have increased by $1,069,000, or 2.2%. Comparing Jan-June 2008 totals with Jan-June 2007, retail sales have increased by $19,685,000, or 8.5%.

- **8.2** Comparing preliminary wholesale trade value for June 2008 to June 2007, sales have increased by $2,069,000 or 16.8%. Comparing Jan-June 2008 totals with Jan-June 2007, wholesale sales have increased by $12,803,000, or 21.9%.

- **8.4** Comparing figures for August 2008 with August 2007, interest rates have changed as follows:
  - The bank rate has decreased 1.50 percentage points to 3.25%.
  - The prime business rate has decreased 1.50 percentage points to 4.75%.
  - The conventional mortgage rate (5-year) has decreased 0.39 percentage points to 6.85%.

- **8.5 & 8.6** Total preliminary food services and drinking places receipts for May 2008 were $3,708,000. This was down $597,000, or 15.5%, compared to the May 2007 figure of $4,277,000.

  On an annual basis, in 2007 receipts totalled $45,446,000. This was up $819,000, or 1.8%, compared with the 2006 annual figure of $44,627,000.

■ 8.1 *Retail sales, Yukon*

		Total Sales ($000)	Change From Same Month Last Year (%)
2008			
June	(p)	50,482	2.2
May	(r)	49,846	9.2
April		42,343	11.7
March		38,910	9.0
February		35,022	6.2
January		35,101	15.6
2007			
December		47,083	9.9
November		40,134	19.4
October		42,391	14.1
September		42,961	9.2
August		48,513	9.7
July		47,167	5.1
June		49,413	11.4

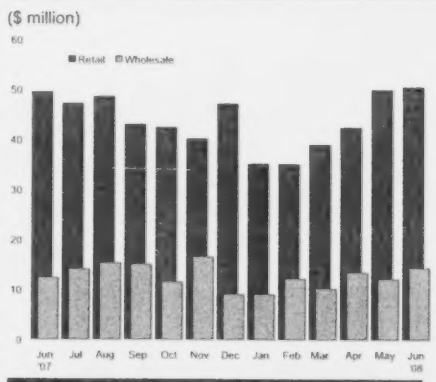
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 8.2 *Wholesale sales, Yukon*

		Total Sales ($000)	Change From Same Month Last Year (%)
2008			
June	(p)	14,386	16.8
May	(r)	12,094	-2.1
April		13,453	80.1
March		10,216	-3.2
February		12,146	64.7
January		9,027	6.9
2007			
December		9,020	-0.3
November		16,594	143.5
October		11,522	16.1
September		15,074	21.5
August		15,322	16.1
July		14,076	3.0
June		12,317	12.7

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 8.3 *Retail & wholesale, Yukon*



■ 8.4 *Selected interest rates*

	Bank Rate*	Prime Business	5-year Mortgage
	(%)		
2008			
August	3.25	4.75	6.85
July	3.25	4.75	7.15
June	3.25	4.75	7.15
May	3.25	4.75	6.65
April	3.25	4.75	6.99
March	3.75	5.25	7.19
February	4.25	5.75	7.29
January	4.25	5.75	7.39
2007			
December	4.50	6.00	7.54
November	4.75	6.25	7.39
October	4.75	6.25	7.44
September	4.75	6.25	7.19
August	4.75	6.25	7.24

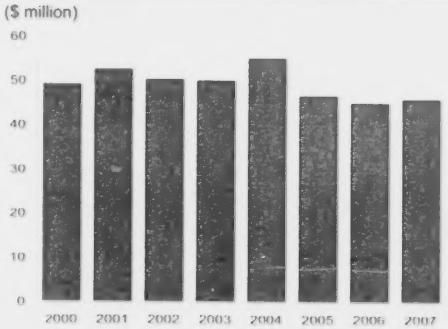
Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
*Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 8.5 *Food services and drinking places receipts, Yukon*

		($000)	% Change From Same Month Last Year
2008			
May	(p)	3,708	-13.3%
April		3,238	-11.7%
March		3,103	-28.5%
February		2,893	1.5%
January		2,660	1.7%
2007			
December		3,174	-0.3%
November		3,007	3.4%
October		3,204	-8.7%
September		3,856	5.0%
August		4,649	-5.9%
July		5,100	1.7%
June		4,708	2.6%
May		4,277	9.1%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
*Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 8.6 *Food services and drinking places receipts, Yukon*



9. Transportation

■ 9.1 *Travellers entering Yukon by land through Canada Customs**

	Total	Yukon Residents	Other Canadians	US Residents	Other Foreign Travellers
2008					
July	92,577	6,673	8,175	70,800	6,929
June	79,014	5,188	5,940	60,457	7,429
May	43,815	5,564	1,795	32,511	3,945
April	7,446	2,492	298	4,554	102
March	6,957	2,141	269	4,461	86
February	3,871	1,032	120	2,673	46
January	3,622	1,018	102	2,475	27
2007	415,188	32,630	32,140	320,819	29,599
December	4,378	1,037	184	3,141	16
November	4,790	1,141	185	3,446	18
October	9,270	2,119	552	6,444	155
September	51,308	3,309	3,659	39,765	4,575
August	95,635	4,959	7,896	75,288	7,492
July	103,526	5,942	9,584	80,999	7,001

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

*Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 9.2 *Aircraft movements, Yukon communities*

	Beaver Creek	Burwash Landing	Dawson City	Faro	Mayo	Old Crow	Teslin	Watson Lake	Whitehorse
	(no. of movements)								
2008									
March	15	14	202	137	38	149	14	149	2,192
February	9	4	133	16	26	45	2	111	1,515
January	12	2	77	20	8	36	23	98	1,350
2007									
December	24	4	97	8	11	121	10	92	1,157
November	7	6	189	13	146	50	2	98	1,929
October	34	18	203	84	687	94	..	284	1,636
September	15	54	497	302	1,033	132	..	614	2,153
August	43	79	1,173	161	1,032	96	..	943	3,239
July	50	131	1,333	101	1,258	169	..	719	3,333
June	224	89	1,355	121	1,043	147	16	705	3,281
May	55	118	404	31	559	92	..	470	3,625
April	6	24	165	16	390	46	..	230	3,204
March	10	..	125	21	86	97	..	185	1,737
	(no. of days reporting)								
2008									
March	5	3	27	17	13	24	5	30	31
February	3	2	25	6	10	17	1	21	29
January	6	1	19	7	3	18	8	22	31
2007									
December	5	3	22	4	5	24	4	29	31
November	2	3	28	6	18	21	1	23	30
October	10	5	28	16	30	25	..	29	31
September	8	16	30	30	30	27	..	30	30
August	11	17	31	26	31	29	..	31	31
July	14	19	31	26	31	31	..	31	31
June	14	16	30	22	30	29	5	30	30
May	13	23	31	12	31	24	..	31	31
April	3	6	29	8	29	18	..	29	30
March	5	..	27	10	21	22	..	30	31

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM and Aviation Statistics Centre.

■ **9.1** The number of visitors entering the Yukon by land from January to July 2008 was 237,302 compared to 249,807 for the same time period in 2007. This represents a decrease of 12,505 travellers, or 5.0%.

Comparing July 2008 numbers with July 2007, the following changes occurred:

- The total number of travellers decreased by 10,949, or 10.6%.
- Yukon resident travellers increased by 731, or 12.3%.
- Other Canadian travellers decreased by 1,409, or 14.7%.
- U.S. travellers decreased by 10,199 or 12.6%.
- Other foreign travellers decreased by 72, or 1.0%.

■ **9.2** Comparing March 2008 with March 2007, the number of aircraft movements in Whitehorse has increased by 455 flights, or 26.2%.

On an annual basis for Whitehorse, in 2007 there were 27,693 flights compared to 27,525 in 2006. This represents an increase of 168 flights, or 0.6%, in 2007.

In the other Yukon communities, comparisons between prior months or years should be used with caution because of incomplete data due to inconsistency in the number of days reporting.

Footnotes

1. Population

1.2 'Other' includes communities such as Champagne, Elsa, Johnson's Crossing, Keno City, Stewart Crossing & Swift River.

1.4 Migration estimates are based on both international and interprovincial movement into and out of the Yukon, as well as returning emigrants, temporary emigrants and non-permanent residents.

2. Employment

2.1 Yukon figures are rounded to the nearest hundred; because of this, figures may not sum to totals. All Yukon figures from the Labour Force Survey are three-month moving averages based on 92% coverage.

2.3 Territorial general government employment includes employees of all Yukon Government departments, as well as employees of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board, etc.

2.3 Territorial Health & Social Services includes employees at Whitehorse General Hospital, Alexander MacDonald Lodge, Children's Receiving Home and Assessment, Detoxification Centre, group homes, Norman D. Macaulay Lodge, Northern Network of Services, Copper Ridge Place and the Thomson Centre. Yukon Liquor Corp. and Yukon Development Corp./Yukon Energy Corp. are considered to be business enterprises and therefore, employment figures are not included.

2.4 & 2.5 Unclassified employees are excluded, as well as those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations, and military personnel of defense services. Additional employee and earnings data for other NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) categories are available by contacting the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

2.6 The number of beneficiaries receiving total income benefits includes other types of benefits than those displayed, but excludes employment insurance claimants receiving employment and support measures benefits.

3. Consumer Prices

3.1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures price changes over time but should not be used to compare costs between provinces and cities. As of the May 2007 CPI release, the weights of various items in the basket of goods and services used to calculate the index have been updated from 2001 to 2005. In addition, the CPI base year (the period for which the value 100 is assigned to the index) has changed from 1992 to 2002. Therefore, data from this and future publications should not be compared with previously released data.

4. Rental Units

4.1 & 4.2 The Yukon Rental Survey covers all buildings with four or more units. Rentals with less than four units (such as houses, suites and duplexes) are excluded from the survey.

4.1 & 4.2 Due to non-response of a landlord in Hillcrest for September and December 2007 and March 2008, the figures for Hillcrest 2-bedroom apartments are not a complete representation of all Hillcrest 2-bedroom apartments.

5. Real Estate

5.1 & 5.2 Rounded data may not sum to totals.

5.2 The 'Family Lots' category does not include the majority of lots purchased by contractors. For further explanation, contact the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

6. Construction

6.1 Rounded data may not sum to totals. Permits issued in the communities are totalled on a calendar month.

6.3 Rounded data may not sum to totals. Special permits or permits for demolitions may have dollar values of zero. Whitehorse permits are reported for a thirty-day period from the sixteenth of one month to the fifteenth of the following month for which the totals are reported.

7. Resources

7.1 Canadian prices are based on the conversion of US prices using the 'noon' exchange rate at month-end by Bank of Canada. Prices of gold and silver are a.m. fix prices at month-end. Prices of lead, zinc and copper are London Metal Exchange "cash seller" prices at month-end.

7.4 'Total' includes other types of refined petroleum product sales. Domestic sales are by reporting companies, are exclusive of exports and sales to other reporting companies, and are adjusted for exports and imports by non-reporting companies.

7.4 'Aviation gasoline' includes all gasoline-type fuels for piston-type aircraft engines.

8. Trade

8.4 Bank rate figures are from the last Wednesday of the month.

9. Transportation

9.1 Not included in this table are travellers entering the Yukon from another province or territory, persons entering the Yukon by air, and persons entering the Yukon by water. Conversely, totals include Fraser BC border crossing even though there is the possibility that these persons may never physically enter the Yukon.

Symbols & Abbreviations

-	nil or zero	I	January 1 to March 31
--	too small to be expressed	II	April 1 to June 30
(p)	preliminary figures	III	July 1 to September 30
(r)	revised figures	IV	October 1 to December 31
m^3	cubic metre	x	suppressed for confidentiality
(MWh)	megawatt-hour	..	not available

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